

PURCELL VS. SHEPHERD  
A HEARING YESTERDAY  
THE PUBLIC INTERESTED  
THE PROSECUTING WITNESS  
OUR PROSECUTED REPORTER  
THE ARRAY OF COUNSEL!  
A JOHNSONIAN OPENING  
WILLIAMS READS THE AFFIDAVIT  
McHenry's Fugitive Propensities  
BARRISTER BARRETT'S EXPLANATION  
PURCELL ON THE STAND  
A VERY ATTRACTIONAL TALK  
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As heretofore announced, the time fixed for the hearing of Mr. Arthur Shepherd, one of the reporters of the REPUBLICAN, on the charge of writing an article defamatory of the character of Wm. F. Purcell, Judge of the Orphans' Court, was yesterday afternoon, at the hour of half past five.

The announcement drew a large number of citizens to the office of Justice Walter, on Indiana avenue, near Fourth and a-half street. Upon the door of the office was a card, upon which were written the words, "At the Aldermen's Chamber, City Hall."

Among the crowd assembled at the antiquated building, which is known as the "Court House," was a man who was to be seen to hold his court, was "Our Special Artist," to whose skill we are indebted for the picture of

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To the City Hall the gaping crowd wound their way, and again "Our Special Artist," to whose skill we are indebted for the picture of

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The Aldermen's chamber, in which the trial was held, is the same where the prosecutor in this great case holds his court week-ends. It was crowded to its utmost capacity yesterday afternoon, by citizens of high and low degree, all apparently interested in the development which was expected would be made. Every chair in the room was taken, and the "fortunate ones" who were so lucky as to gain access to the chamber first, and it was with great difficulty that the crowd on either side secured a place at the secretary's table, which stands in front of the desk of the presiding officer, which was to be occupied by the justice who was to hear the case.

Before the trial commenced "Our Special Artist," with that energy which characterizes the sketches of the REPUBLICAN, was hard at work, and he has prepared for us the following portraits, which, in view of the short time allowed him, are creditable specimens of his skill.

We first have a portrait of

THE PROSECUTING WITNESS.

Judge Wm. F. Purcell, who is the prosecuting witness in this great case, has for the past twenty years been the presiding judge of the Orphans' Court of this District. In his administration of testamentary affairs he has been singularly free from error, and his decisions being always correct, as an evidence of which we may state that in his long career he has never been reversed.

He is a man about 60 years of age. At least he is on the shady side of life, but is still strong, healthy and vigorous, physically and mentally. He weighs perhaps 175 or 180 pounds, and is thereabouts. His whole physical appearance indicates that he is a man of good living, while the fact that he is "harassed on the top of his head" gives evidence that he is a hard brain worker. Being a handsome and gallant gentleman, he has great admiration for the female sex. Indeed, so much taste does he show in his attire, that he has been known to attend to one locality for hours on a pleasant afternoon, when ladies are present, and he has been known to be so much attracted by the charms that might be in review before him. His attire is neat, but not gaudy, and his memory of a recent time he generally wears a ruffled shirt.

On this occasion he was dressed in a white linen duck suit, and looked the very picture

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Mr. Shepherd, the party alleged to have written the article upon which the action is based, is a young man of quiet manner and modest and retiring disposition. Although having been connected for several years with the editorial staff of the REPUBLICAN, he has been "unknown to this part of fame," and he does not seem to be at all elated by the publicity which is now being given to the case.

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THE PRESENTING JUSTICE.

Charles Walter, esq., before whom the case was heard, is one of the best known and best liked of the District. For years he has had the reputation of being one of the best informed police magistrates under the authority of the board of police. Some months ago he was displaced from this position, and he is now officiating as justice of the peace only. He is a native of Germany, but has long been a citizen of this city, and has been connected with the police force for many years.

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